

Fred's wisdom and energy instilled in his employees the desire and will to achieve well beyond expectations. He regarded his employees so highly that he never missed an opportunity to let them know they were his stars and rewarded them with company trips all around the world.

The charitable contributions Fred so quietly contributed to his local community, the international community, and his beloved church are too numerous to mention.

Fred will be greatly missed by his family, colleagues, friends, and all of the lives that he touched with his loyalty, compassion, generosity and humor.

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, please join me in remembering my dear friend, Fred Giorgi.

TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN LARRY HYLAND AND THE SENIOR CITIZENS LEAGUE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I am here to congratulate Larry Hyland, the Chairman of The Senior Citizens League (TSCL) and its Board of Trustee members for their work in educating the public and Congress about issues of utmost importance to America's seniors. The Senior Citizens League represents over 1 million members nationwide and 3,844 in my Congressional district.

The Senior Citizens league is a non-profit, non-partisan organization headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, that strives to educate millions of seniors and Members of Congress through senior faxes, e-alerts, Public Service Announcements, newspapers ads, direct mail, and publications such as a monthly newsletter—The Advisor.

Five members of The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) work tirelessly for The Senior Citizens League as non-paid volunteers to help our most elderly and low income seniors: TSCL Chairman Larry Hyland, Vice Chairman Thomas O'Connell, Treasurer Edward Cates, Secretary Charlie Flowers, and PAC Treasurer Michael Gales. In addition, TREA Liaison Arthur Cooper and Past TSCL Chairman Daniel O'Connell also serve on the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Larry Hyland retired from the U.S. Air Force as a senior master sergeant. During the Vietnam War era, Hyland was an aircraft crew chief flying on missions into and out of Vietnam and flew in the evacuations of 1975. After active duty, he launched a small business and later entered Federal civil service working for 16 years before retiring from the office of the Air Force Director of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington DC.

Vice Chairman Thomas O'Connell served in the U.S. Army including service as Division Logistics NCO. His experiences as a high school teacher, author, and librarian have facilitated his work on the TSCL Board of Trustees. He participates in many local community organizations in Westerly, RI.

Treasurer Edward Cates served in the U.S. Army National Guard, U.S. Air Force from

1965 to 1996. He serves as the principal financial officer for TSCL and also as the Treasurer of the TREA Memorial Foundation. Cates is 1st Vice President of TREA Chapter 1 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Secretary Charlie Flowers served in the U.S. Air Force for over 21 years. He has served as the National President of TREA. Also, he served on the TREA National Board as a Director and as National Parliamentarian. He resides in Denver, CO.

Michael Gales served in the U.S. military for 27 years and is a lifetime member of TREA since 1988. He is active in his community and he serves as President of the Patterson Avenue Improvement Association in Baltimore, MD.

TREA Liaison Arthur Cooper served in the U.S. Army for over 20 years, completing his last tour as a Department of Nursing Education NCOIC. He currently serves as the National President of TREA. Cooper resides in Gambrills, MD.

Immediate Past TSCL Chairman Daniel O'Connell served in the U.S. Air Force for 29 years, retiring as a chief master sergeant. His U.S. Air Force career included service as the Training NCO for the Queens College ROTC Program. O'Connell also worked in protocol at the Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs where he retired as Director of Protocol.

The TSCL Board visits Capitol Hill in Washington several times a year to personally meet with Members of the U.S. House and Senate to consult with them about seniors' issues. TSCL is especially interested in Social Security remaining solvent and preserved for future generations.

Under the leadership of Chairman Larry Hyland, The Senior Citizens League has strictly adhered to its non-partisan status. Most notably, Chairman Hyland has guided TSCL in its movement toward a more broad-based and multi-issue organization. TSCL has become a leader on issues such as U.S.-Mexico Totalization (via FOIA documents), a Social Security COLA to be based on a Consumer Price Index for the Elderly, Social Security Guarantee, Social Security Trust Fund Lock-Box, and Social Security Notch Fairness.

Each of the Board members has rendered military service to their country, and each has worked tirelessly to speak in behalf of seniors and The Senior Citizens League. Several Members of Congress thanked them personally for showing up in their offices, saying: "we never see representatives of some other senior groups, but your organization always visits us."

Their determination to assist the most worthy and needy of our citizens is commendable.

HONORING TIMOTHY M. MATTHEWS

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timothy M. Matthews. Tim is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 28, and

earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tim has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tim has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tim contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tim planned and constructed a flag pole for all veterans of the United States military and to honor their service and sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timothy M. Matthews for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE HONOREES OF THE MID-MAINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorees of the 2012 Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner. The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce serves the people and business community of the greater Waterville area, working with the business community to strengthen economic opportunity throughout the region and the state.

Each year, the Mid-Maine Chamber recognizes some of the outstanding businesses and individuals that make Maine "the way life should be" for all Mainers and Maine businesses. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity and prosperity in Maine.

This year's award recipients include Gil Pelletier, recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award; Central Maine Disposal, Business of the Year; Pamela Kick of Pinnacle IT, Business Person of the Year; Dr. Barbara Covey of the MaineGeneral SAFE Program, Outstanding Professional of the Year; the Waterville Public Library, Community Service Project of the Year; Bruce Harrington of the Bank of Maine, "Rising Star" Award; and Darla Frost of Kennebec Federal Savings, the Customer Service Stardom Award.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities and the region, Maine is a better place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and these individuals on their outstanding service and achievement.

HONORING BAHER MICHEL

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on